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TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, PBOR, LY, IT, TS
SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: ANDREOTTI
AND JALLUD MEET.

1. MFA SOURCES HAVE GIVEN US AT LEAST PARTIAL COVERAGE OF
MAY 12 ROME MEETING BETWEEN PRIMINS ANDREOTTI AND JALLUD.
RESULT, FOR THE MOMENT, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A STANDOFF.

2. ACCORDING OUR SOURCE, JALLUD INSISTED THAT GOI REQUIRE
SCARABEO IV RETURN TO DRILLING SITE. ONCE THERE, SAID
JALLUD, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD WORK OUT SOME FORMULA
TO EASE THE POLITICAL PAIN FOR ITALY, E.G., LIBYA MIGHT
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"NATIONALIZE" THE SCARABEO "AGAINST GOI VOLITION" BUT ALSO
AGAINST FULL COMPENSATION. WE ARE NOT FULLY, NOR
NECESSARILY ACCURATELY INFORMED AS TO ANDREOTTI RESPONSE
BUT WE GATHER THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO PUT THE PROBLEM
IN A HOLDING PATTERN WHILE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
PONDER FURTHER. IN ANY EVENT, GOI WOULD FIND IT
EXTREMELY AWKWARD AND DIFFICULT TO ORDER THE

SCARABEO BACK ON SITE.

3. JALLUD, AGAIN ACCORDING OUR CONTACT, HAD TOLD ANDREOTTI THAT ENI-AGIP OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED LARG THAT IT HAD RECEIVED GOI'S AGREEMENT TO PULL SITE BEFORE ACTUALLY DOING SO. ANDREOTTI SAID NOT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

4. JALLUD ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE DENIED A REPORT TO GOI FROM ENI/AGIP THAT LIBYAN OIL COMPANY HAD CANCELLED DRILLING CONTRACT. HOWEVER, JALLUD HAS BEEN TRAVELLING OUTSIDE LIBYA FOR SOME DAYS, AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WELL INFORMED ON THIS POINT.

5. AS TO "WHAT'S NEXT", OUR CONTACT WOULD NOT SPECULATE. HE SEEMED TO ANTICIPATE NO IMMEDIATELY UNMANAGEABLE PROBLEMS WITH LIBYA BUT OBVIOUSLY WAS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE READING/BATES RIG, WHICH HIS INFORMATION INDICATED WOULD BE IN MALTA ON MAY 23.

6. COMMENT: OUR SOURCE MADE IT CLEAR THAT AMONG THE BEST THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN FOR THE GOI WOULD BE A READING BATES MOVE INTO THE CONTESTED AREA, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY ELECIT A GOT MOVE TO PROHIBIT THE RIG FROM SETTING UP FOR DRILLING (OR COMPARABLE) PURPOSES. THIS WOULD ALLOW ENI/AGIP/ SAIPEM TO GO BACK TO LARG WITH THEIR FORCE MAJEURE PLEA.
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